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PPIC Statewide Survey mission

- Provide timely, relevant, nonpartisan data on political, social, and economic opinions
- Inform and improve state policymaking, raise awareness, encourage discussion
- Provide a voice for all Californians in important state policy debates
  - 370,000+ Californians interviewed since 1998
  - 180+ general, issue, and regional surveys
Californians and Their Government

- General series funded by the Arjay and Frances F. Miller Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, and the PPIC Donor Circle
- Telephone interviews, February 7–17, 2020
  - 75% cell phone, 25% landline
  - 1,702 adults, ± 3.4% margin of error
  - 1,046 likely voters, ± 4.4% margin of error
- Opinions on the 2020 Democratic primary, federal elected officials, impeachment, importance of voting and the US Census in 2020
- Views on Proposition 13, state elected officials, housing affordability, homelessness, high-speed rail, and Delta tunnel
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Preferred candidate for 2020 Democratic primary

- Bernie Sanders: 32%
- Joe Biden: 14%
- Elizabeth Warren: 13%
- Michael Bloomberg: 12%
- Pete Buttigieg: 12%
- Amy Klobuchar: 5%
- Tom Steyer: 3%
- Tulsi Gabbard: 1%
- Someone else (vol): 1%
- Don't know: 8%

% Democratic primary likely voters
Regardless of who you may vote for, who do you think has the best chance of beating Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election?
What's more important to you—that Democrats nominate the presidential candidate whose positions on the issues come closest to yours, or the candidate who seems most likely to defeat Donald Trump in November 2020?
Approval ratings of federal elected officials

- President Trump: 35%, 35%, 57%, 29%, 40%
- US Congress: 38%, 32%, 33%, 34%, 33%
- Own representative: 55%, 70%, 70%, 56%, 56%
Approval of US senators

- Dianne Feinstein
- Kamala Harris

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After being impeached by the House of Representatives, the Senate decided President Trump should not be removed from office. Do you think the Senate should or should not have removed President Trump from office?
Prospects for Americans coming together

Percentage of adults who are optimistic and pessimistic about the prospects for Americans coming together.

- **September 2017**: 56% Optimistic, 40% Pessimistic
- **January 2019**: 58% Optimistic, 40% Pessimistic
- **February 2020**: 49% Optimistic, 48% Pessimistic

Percentage of all adults, likely voters, Democrats, Republicans, and Independents who are optimistic and pessimistic.

- **All adults**: 49% Optimistic, 48% Pessimistic
- **Likely voters**: 44% Optimistic, 54% Pessimistic
- **Democrats**: 41% Optimistic, 58% Pessimistic
- **Republicans**: 55% Optimistic, 41% Pessimistic
- **Independents**: 49% Optimistic, 49% Pessimistic
2020 Census and elections

Voting in 2020 elections
Participating in the 2020 Census

% saying very important

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<td>91 (%)</td>
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Participation in census answers

How likely are you to participate in the 2020 Census?

- **All adults**: 18% probably participate, 67% definitely participate
- **18 to 34**: 28% probably participate, 48% definitely participate
- **35 to 54**: 15% probably participate, 75% definitely participate
- **55 and older**: 12% probably participate, 77% definitely participate
- **US born**: 19% probably participate, 67% definitely participate
- **Naturalized citizen**: 12% probably participate, 76% definitely participate
- **Noncitizen**: 22% probably participate, 57% definitely participate
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Proposition 13—state bond for education facilities

November 2019: 48% Yes, 36% No, 16% Don't know
January 2020: 53% Yes, 36% No, 10% Don't know
February 2020: 51% Yes, 42% No, 9% Don't know

All likely voters: 51% Yes, 42% No, 8% Don't know
Democrats: 69% Yes, 23% No, 8% Don't know
Republicans: 71% Yes, 24% No, 5% Don't know
Independents: 47% Yes, 44% No, 9% Don't know
Approval ratings of state elected officials

- Governor Newsom
- California Legislature
- Own legislators

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Governor's budget proposals

- $4.75 billion bond to address climate risks
- $1 billion to address homelessness

- All adults: 65% for bond, 70% for homelessness
- Likely voters: 59% for bond, 64% for homelessness
- Dem: 83% for bond, 84% for homelessness
- Rep: 21% for bond, 34% for homelessness
- Ind: 58% for bond, 63% for homelessness
Housing affordability

How much of a problem is housing affordability in your part of California? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem?
Housing costs and moving

Does the cost of your housing make you and your family seriously consider moving away from the part of California you live in now?

Does it make you consider moving elsewhere in California, or outside of the state?
How much of a problem is homelessness in your part of California? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not a problem?

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A potential constitutional amendment on the November ballot would mandate that cities, counties, and the state provide enough housing or shelter beds to put every homeless person under a roof. If the election were held today, would you vote yes or no on this constitutional amendment?
Governor Newsom decided to scale back the high-speed rail project. Do you think that Governor Newsom’s plan is a good idea or a bad idea?
Governor Newsom proposes to scale back the Delta project and build one tunnel—instead of two…. Do you think that Governor Newsom’s proposal is a good idea or a bad idea?
How much of a problem are violence and street crime in your local community today—a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem?
Ratings of local police

How would you rate the job your local police are doing in controlling crime in your community today—excellent, good, fair, or poor?
Do you think the police in your community treat all racial and ethnic groups fairly almost always, most of the time, only some of the time, or never?

- **All adults**: 33% (Most of the time) - 67% (Almost always/always (vol))
- **African Americans**: 26% (Most of the time) - 74% (Almost always/always (vol))
- **Asian Americans**: 22% (Most of the time) - 78% (Almost always/always (vol))
- **Latinos**: 35% (Most of the time) - 65% (Almost always/always (vol))
- **Whites**: 35% (Most of the time) - 65% (Almost always/always (vol))
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Bernie Sanders leads all candidates in the Democratic presidential primary and is viewed as the candidate most likely to defeat Donald Trump in November.

Approval of President Trump and Congress remains low, while about half of Californians approve of their own representative and their two US senators.

Overwhelming majorities view participating in the US Census as very important; strong majorities say they will participate, with differences across racial/ethnic and age groups.

A slim majority of likely voters support Proposition 13 on the March ballot.

Slim majorities of Californians approve of the governor, the state legislature, and their own representatives in the legislature.

Solid majorities see housing affordability and homelessness as problems in their part of California; housing costs are making more than four in ten across regions consider moving.
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